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# Annual Report.

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Helena, Montana, December 1, 1906.

Hon. Joseph K. Toole,

Governor of Montana:

The Board of Managers of the Montana Soldiers' Home has the honor to submit its annual report for the year ending November 30th, 1906.

On the first day of December, 1904 the board reported a membership of 81, of whom 60 were present and 21 absent. Since that time 57 have been admitted, making a total of 138. Of these 42 have been discharged and 13 have died, leaving a membership at this date of 83, of whom 74 are present and 9 absent. In addition to these, 5 wives of inmates have been admitted and 4 of them are now present, making the total number of inmates 88. During the year 1905 the average present was 66, and during 1906 it has been 71. At all times during the past year so crowded has been the condition of the home that it is seldom that an applicant's petition for admission can be acted upon with any degree of promptness, and the board deemed it expedient to procure two large tents and fit them up as comfortably as possible to relieve the over-plus and provide room for old soldiers who might otherwise be compelled to remain or become inmates of the poor-houses of the various counties of the state.

As stated in the report of last year, in accordance with the evident wish of the legislature, all inmates who perform any labor, except those regularly on the pay-roll, have since May, 1905, been paid therefor at the rate of twelve and a half cents per hour, but much of the work cannot be done by these old men and women, and a large force of citizen employees is necessary, and there is no suitable place to house them and they have to occupy rooms in the building for married men. The present small hospital building would afford ample accommodation for the help and is wholly inadequate as a hospital.

The board especially desires to impress upon the Governor

and the legislature the necessity of another building. While tents will do temporarily during summer, it must be evident that it is impossible to use them during winter. Two years ago we called for the erection of a hospital. At the request of the Governor, and on the statement of a deficiency of money in the treasury we forbore to press the claims of this institution. It was a mistake, both for the reason that it has resulted in a great deal of hardship, and that the price of lumber in that vicinity has doubled and other kinds of material and labor has greatly increased in cost. We suggest that it is economy to build a hospital, which can at the same time accommodate cases which are not entirely helpless but have difficulty in getting about main building, and this will make room for applicants who are clamoring for admission. We are having some plans outlined and will submit them later together with estimates of cost, etc. We urgently and respectfully request the Governor to submit them to the legislature.

The cemetery of the home now contains fifty-seven graves. These are furnished with headstones by the United States. More ground should be enclosed with a new fence, some small structure erected in the center, new trees planted and a tank in which to haul water to water them, the flowers and grass, and we have put in a small amount for this purpose.

The cost of fuel has increased over fifty per cent in the last three years, not because of the scarcity of wood, but the inability to get men to cut it, and as it now takes four hundred cords per year to heat the various buildings and do the cooking it is becoming a serious problem. The board believes it would be a matter of great economy in fuel and labor to install a central heating plant in basement of main building and heat all the others from it. Though the initial cost would be considerable, it would soon be saved and the buildings better heated. We will submit an estimate of the cost later and earnestly recommend that it be done.

Many improvements have been made during the year, some fences built, a considerable part of the timbered portion of the grounds cleared of logs and underbrush, easy grade walks to the river trees planted where needed or any had died, a brick wall built under barn in place of the logs which had rotted out, making a better stable. The lawn is beautifully kept. The roofs

and outside woodwork painted, the interior walls papered or kalsomined so that the place is fast becoming a beautiful home. All buildings and contents are insured in reliable companies.

The health of the inmates, considering age, which now averages 68 years and 4 days, has been remarkably good and the death rate exceptionally small. The board has endeavored to provide an abundance and variety of the best food available, the best beds to be obtained, an adequate supply of a good quality of clothing and has spared no effort to make the inmates comfortable, contented and happy.

The farm and garden, owing to rather better climatic conditions, have been more productive than during the previous two years. There was raised this year 245 bushels of wheat, 286 bushels of oats 20 tons of hay, 42,000 pounds of potatoes, 10,000 pounds of cabbage, 24,000 pounds of other root crops and sufficient vegetables to supply the home for the season.

The home is well supplied with farming implements, horses, wagons, stock and poultry. The item "expense of farm" is not charged, while it is not credited.

a fair exhibit, as to that account is charged all live stock purchased, while it is not credited with that which is slaughtered for food, or the large amount of hauling of various kinds necessary for the home, aside from the work on the farm.

The board wishes to express its satisfaction with the thoroughly business management of the Commandant, Capt. Howell, the services of the surgeon, Dr. Robinson, the hospital steward, Mr. Sprague, Morley and all the efficient employees and the gentlemanly behavior and conduct of the inmates generally.

The receipts and disbursements for the year are as follows.

#### Receipts.

Balance on hand last report .....	\$ 356.81
Dec. Rent of Fort Maginnis .....	100.00
Mar. From United States Aid .....	1,750.00
May. From United States Aid .....	1,137.50
Aug. From United States Aid .....	1,183.33
Oct. From United States Aid .....	1,775.00
State appropriation .....	12,000.00
Total .....	<u>\$20,077.64</u>

**Expended.**

Current expenses (includes salary com- mandant, expenses board, insurance, printing, postage, etc.).....	\$ 2,036.68
Subsistence .....	4,428.12
Employees .....	3,186.15
Hospital (includes salary surgeon, stew- ard, nurses, coffins, medicines,.....)	2,404.57
Clothing .....	1,210.57
Furnishing (includes fuel and lights.....)	1,924.06
Farm .....	895.59
Repairs .....	1,089.07
Total .....	\$17,174.81

Leaving balance on hand.....\$ 2,902.83

**Estimate of Amount Required for Support of the Home for the  
Years 1907 and 1908.**

	1907.	1908.
For current expenses .....	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,800.00
For subsistence .....	5,500.00	5,800.00
For clothing .....	1,200.00	1,200.00
For employees .....	4,000.00	4,500.00
For hospital .....	3,000.00	3,500.00
For furnishing .....	2,500.00	2,700.00
For construction .....	1,000.00	500.00
For repairs .....	800.00	900.00
For farm .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
For cemetery .....	1,000.00	.....
Total .....	\$22,600.00	\$22,900.00
Less balance on hand.....	\$2,902.83	
Estimated from U. S. ....	7,000.00	7,000.00
	\$ 9,902.83	.....
To be appropriated .....	\$12,697.17	\$15,900.00

The above estimate is considerably larger than for the previous two years. This is occasioned by the increased cost of all kinds of supplies, notably fuel and labor and the necessity for a greater number of employees, as well as the increased attendance and the presumption that there will be a larger membership during the next two years.

Respectfully submitted,  
 (Signed) MARTIN MAGINNIS, President.  
 " JNO. L. SLOANE.  
 " AL. INGRAHAM.  
 " A. J. FISK.  
 " C. B. MILLER, Secretary.  
 Board of Managers.



## LIST OF MEMBERS OF MONTANA SOLDIERS' HOME, NOVEMBER 30, 1906.

NAME	Co.	Regiment	Age	Pension Per Mo.	When Admitted	Disability
Allen, James	C	U. S. Navy	71	.....	Sept.	29, 1905 Hernia.
Bailey, Eugene	C	10th Iowa Inf.	63	\$8 00	Mar.	21, 1904 Rheumatism.
Bailey, John C.	G	8th Pa. Inf.	62	10 00	July	19, 1902 Heart Trouble.
Bailey, Mark W.	A	1st Maine Cav.	60	6 00	Aug.	26, 1897 Rheumatism.
Baker, William H.	A	136th Ills. Inf.	59	12 0	Mar.	25, 1901 Asthma.
Barker, Albert C.	A	14th Iowa Inf.	64	12 00	Apr.	29, 1906 Rheumatism.
Bischoff, W. H. F.	K	2d Minn. Inf.	65	10 00	Feb.	8, 1839 Rheumatism.
Blankley, William	D	14th Wis. Inf.	70	10 00	Apr.	12, 1906 Rheumatism.
Burr, Christopher	K	9th Ind. Inf.	73	10 00	Apr.	2, 1903 Rheumatism.
Berry, William H.	A	45th Mass. Inf.	65	12 00	July	30, 1904 Apoplexy.
Bird, Charles	C	1st Minn. H. A.	70	12 00	May	4, 1906 Rheumatism.
Carpenter, Alvan S.	D	2nd Col. Cav.	73	12 00	Sept.	1, 1903 Rheumatism.
Carver, Francis	H	7th Wis. Inf.	73	12 00	Oct.	3, 1903 Old Age.
Christy, Thomas S.	A	17th Pa. Cav.	70	10 00	July	8, 1898 Rheumatism.
Clark, Isaac N.	G	13th U. S. Inf.	64	10 00	July	20, 1906 Blindness.
Cowgill, Latham	H	2nd Cal. Cav.	66	8 00	Sept.	16, 1903 Heart Disease.
Crane, George M.	I	14th Iowa Inf.	66	24 00	July	1, 1905 Sciatic.
Cronin, Daniel	I	U. S. Navy	63	12 00	Apr.	30, 1904 Dislocated Hip.
Cutler, Thomas R.	I	11th Mo. Inf.	70	12 00	Apr.	17, 1899 Broken Wrist.
Darcy, Peter	I	U. S. Navy	63	8 00	Feb.	12, 1897 Hernia.
Devaney, Michael	I	10th N. Y. Inf.	68	10 00	July	14, 1906 Rheumatism.
Donnelly, James	I	2nd N. Y. Cav.	64	8 00	Oct.	15, 1905 Heart Disease.
Donahay, Alpheus C.	A	25th Iowa Inf.	62	10 00	Feb.	22, 1906 Asthma.
Delle, Samuel	B	1st Texas Cav.	68	12 30	Aug.	6, 1905 Heart Trouble.
Eggers, John	C	48th N. Y. Inf.	61	.....	Nov.	27, 1904 Rheumatism.
Finnegan, Timothy	I	1st Del. Inf.	64	.....	July	24, 1903 Kidney Trouble.
Fieiding, Cooper	A	102d Pa. Inf.	74	12 00	Nov.	9, 1905 Hernia.
Fishburn, Benjamin F.	K	6th Kan. Cav.	67	10 00	Sept.	25, 1902 Rheumatism.
Forsythe, Robert	E	79th N. Y. Inf.	66	8 00	Oct.	30, 1902 Rheumatism.
Griffith, Henry O.	A	1st Oregon Inf.	68	8 00	Aug.	16, 1905 Rheumatism.
Gates, Charles	F	2d Minn. Cav.	71	12 00	Oct.	11, 1906 Hernia.
Greenwood, Samuel	B	124th Pa. Inf.	66	.....	Nov.	14, 1901 General.
Gahan, Patrick	B	46th Pa. Inf.	66	6 00	Nov.	15, 1906 Bronchitis.
Gregg, William H.	D	21st Ind. Inf.	77	15 00	Mar.	5, 1905 Hernia.
Hanley, Archibald	H	14th Ver. Inf.	68	6 00	July	27, 1898 Rheumatism.
Hartzell, Adam C.	D	13th Ills. Inf.	64	8 00	July	23, 1905 Rheumatism.
Hillier, Frederick	F	11th N. Y. Cav.	66	3 00	May	21, 1903 Rheumatism.
Huds, Orange S.	C	129th Ind. Inf.	58	39 00	Oct.	6, 1898 Hernia.

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Harris, Edson	A	Hatch's Bat. Cav.	66	12 00	Sept.	26, 1906 Rheumatism.
Johnson, John		U. S. Navy	68	.....	July	2, 1904 Deafness.
Jones, Michael T.	A	28th Pa. Inf.	64	10 00	Nov.	5, 1898 Rheumatism.
Kennedy, Andrew	G	16th N. Y. Inf.	73	12 00	Oct.	9, 1900 Hernia.
Kesner, Elphaz	D	22nd Ohio Inf.	72	12 00	Oct.	8, 1897 Deafness.
Kohn, Frank	H	7th Ver. Inf.	63	10 00	June	29, 1906 Rheumatism.
Konecke, Emil	C	9th N. Y. Cav.	64	8 00	July	23, 1903 Heart Disease.
Keough, Thomas	H	47th Ills. Inf.	78	12 00	Nov.	23, 1905 Rheumatism.
Lewis, Theodore	H	6th Wis. Inf.	63	6 00	Jan.	16, 1904 Rheumatism.
Lundy, Nathan	B	3rd Iowa Cav.	66	10 00	June	18, 1898 Rheumatism.
Lyons, Rezin E.	K	2nd Iowa Inf.	64	8 00	Sept.	30, 1898 Rheumatism.
Lovell, Warren	G	1st Ills. Inf.	78	12 00	Apr.	1, 1900 Rheumatism.
Miles, Thomas W.	A	1st Ills. Inf.	90	12 00	July	9, 1906 General.
Matson, John A.	D	55th Ind. Inf.	62	10 00	Mar.	21, 1903 Paralysis.
Mathews, Lyman	E	9th Minn. Inf.	66	20 00	Oct.	22, 1899 Scurvy.
Meigs, George P.	D	23rd N. Y. Inf.	68	12 00	Mar.	23, 1906 Gun Shot Wound.
Mestas, John	A	1st N. M. Inf.	82	8 00	Apr.	14, 1906 General.
Morley, Newton H.	A	1st N. H. Inf.	71	12 00	June	24, 1897 Hernia.
Mitchell, Charles		U. S. Navy	65	8 00	Dec.	22, 1905 Rheumatism.
McDonald, John	A	17th Wis. Inf.	66	8 00	Mar.	4, 1901 Rheumatism.
McDonald, James	G	16th Pa. Cav.	61	10 00	Dec.	19, 1902 Rheumatism.
McDonald, John, 2nd		U. S. Navy	69	12 00	June	20, 1903 Paralysis.
McGilligan, Joseph H.	D	46th Ills. Inf.	59	12 00	June	6, 1898 Dropsy.
McGinnis, Andrew	L	1st Mont. Inf.	58	.....	Feb.	3, 1906 Rheumatism.
McLaughlin, Sanford H.	B	1st Minn. H. A.	65	10 00	May	23, 1906 Rheumatism.
McMillan, Albert C.	H	1st Minn. H. A.	63	8 00	Aug.	29, 1905 Kidney Trouble.
Nappy, Adrien	F	1st Oregon Cav.	71	12 00	June	21, 1906 Rheumatism.
Newell, John B.	E	2nd Cal. Cav.	83	12 00	Oct.	11, 1899 Old Age.
Norris, James F.	K	12th Ills. Inf.	67	3 00	Mar.	21, 1906 Bronchitis.
Oshorne, Benjamin F.	A	21st Ills. Inf.	68	.....	Aug.	21, 1906 Paralysis.
Paffer, William B.	A	33rd Pa. Inf.	66	.....	Nov.	28, 1906 General.
Reese, George S.	D	11th Pa. Cav.	73	12 00	Nov.	22, 1888 Back Hurt.
Smith, John	E	14th N. Y. Cav.	62	8 00	May	18, 1900 Collar Bone Broken.
Smith, Thomas H.		U. S. Navy	70	12 00	Aug.	22, 1906 Rheumatism.
Snider, Barney	G	36th Ind. Inf.	63	10 00	Oct.	5, 1904 Hernia.
Sprague, J. E.	I	33rd N. Y. Inf.	64	8 00	June	17, 1897 Rheumatism.
Stanton, Oliver	G	14th U. S. Inf.	66	12 00	June	27, 1900 Heart Disease.
Simpson, Edward L.	D	19th Ills. Inf.	64	8 00	May	4, 1906 Paralysis.

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Shlebel, John .....	B	3r N. Y. Cav .....	65	12 00	Oct. 3, 1906	Gangrene.
Sands, Edward H. ....	H	20th Pa. Cav. ....	59	12 00	Aug. 3, 1903	General.
Thompson, Charles .....	F	19th Mass. Inf. ....	72	12 00	Sept. 8, 1903	Rheumatism.
Thorpe, Amaziah .....	A	55th Ohio Inf. ....	61	10 00	Jan. 20, 1903	Hernia.
Wilson, James .....	F	3rd Ills. Inf. ....	67	12 00	Oct. 15, 1906	Rheumatism.
Woods, James .....	M	17th W. Va. Cav. ....	76	12 63	Apr. 30, 1904	General.
Young, Charles A. ....	A	1st Minn. H. A. ....	76	12 00	Aug. 9, 1905	Rheumatism.

## REPORT OF DEATHS.

Whole number of Deaths up to November 30th, 1906.....65  
 Whole number of Deaths since last report .....13

NAME	Co.	Regiment	Age	Date of Admission	Date of Death	Cause of Death
Chas. M. Shepherd	.....	U. S. Navy	59 Mar.	21, 1903	Mar.	22, 1905
Edward M. Parmelee	K	1st Mich. Cav.	62 Nov.	27, 1903	Apr.	1905 Apoplexy.
Theodore F. Abbott	A	9th N. Y. Inf.	61 July	25, 1897	Aug.	4, 1905 Senility.
Elisha J. Fitch	E	2nd Minn. Cav.	75 Oct.	19, 1904	Oct.	14, 1905 Apoplexy.
Daniel Hoagland	A	1st Cal. Inf.	74 Apr.	1, 1905	Oct.	11, 1905 Gangrene.
Patrick J. Flynn	L	1st Mont. Inf.	52 Dec.	29, 1905	Feb.	27, 1905 Paralysis.
Peter House	H	4th Mich. Cav.	73 Oct.	13, 1905	Mar.	9, 1906 Consumption.
Henry C. Bloom	A	8th Ohio Inf.	65 Nov.	22, 1897	Mar.	9, 1906 Paralysis.
Henry M. Mixter	H	6th Minn. Inf.	60 Feb.	16, 1906	Apr.	22, 1906 Senility.
George W. King	K	5th U. S. Artillery	66 Oct.	29, 1900	Apr.	24, 1906 Senility.
George Rupp	D	46th N. Y. Inf.	76 Aug.	3, 1903	May	24, 1906 Cancer.
John Conrad	K	40th Mo. Inf.	69 July	3, 1906	Aug.	28, 1906 Apoplexy.
Joseph McCreary	A	7th Mo. Cav.	69 June	29, 1904	Oct.	30, 1906 Paralysis.



